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the CURSE of THE BAT-RING
SNAP!
BATMAN'S BAT-WING HAS BROKEN! HOW WILL HE EVER SURVIVE THIS JINX?
HA, HA...THE CURSE OF THE JADE BAT-RING IS WORKING, BOSS! THIS IS THE END OF BATMAN!
BOB KANE

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ONE EVENING, IN THE MANSION OF WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD, DICK GRAYSON...
THE BAT-SIGNAL, BRUCE! I WONDER IF THAT WEIRD CRIME GANG HAS STRUCK AGAIN?
COULD BE, DICK! LET'S SEE WHAT INFORMATION POLICE HEADQUARTERS HAS FOR US!
SHORTLY, AS THEY SPEED FORTH IN THEIR IDENTITIES OF BATMAN AND ROBIN..
REPORT OF EERIE BLUE LIGHT SEEN AT STEVENS STORAGE WAREHOUSE, 4TH AND ELM--
STEVENS WAREHOUSE-- WHERE GOTHAM CITY'S WEALTHY CITIZENS STORE THEIR POSSESSIONS! AN "EERIE BLUE LIGHT" SURE SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF THAT GANG'S GIMMICKS!
MEANWHILE, INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE...
WOW! THE BOSS SURE WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT THE POWER OF HIS NEW METAL MELTING BEAM!
CUTS STEEL LIKE BUTTER! NOW LET'S GET AT THOSE FURS AND FAMILY HEIRLOOMS!
BUT, MINUTES LATER, AS THE THIEVES LEAVE WITH THE LOOT...
STEVENS STORAGE
LOOK OUT! THERE'S BATMAN AND ROBIN!
H-HUH?
CAUGHT THEM LIKE CROWS IN A BOX TRAP, BATMAN!
YES, ROBIN, BUT THEIR PAL GOT AWAY! CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM, THOUGH... HE'S SPIKE CONNERS, AN EX-CONVICT!
LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS, THE DYNAMIC DUO HEARS A STARTLING STORY...
HONEST--WE'RE MEMBERS OF A SECRET CRIME SOCIETY! WE DON'T KNOW WHO THE BOSS IS... HE ALWAYS WEARS A MASK!
I SEE... HE THINKS UP ALL THESE INGENIOUS THEFTS, AND YOU JUST CARRY THEM OUT, EH? WELL, WE'LL FIND OUT ABOUT THAT!
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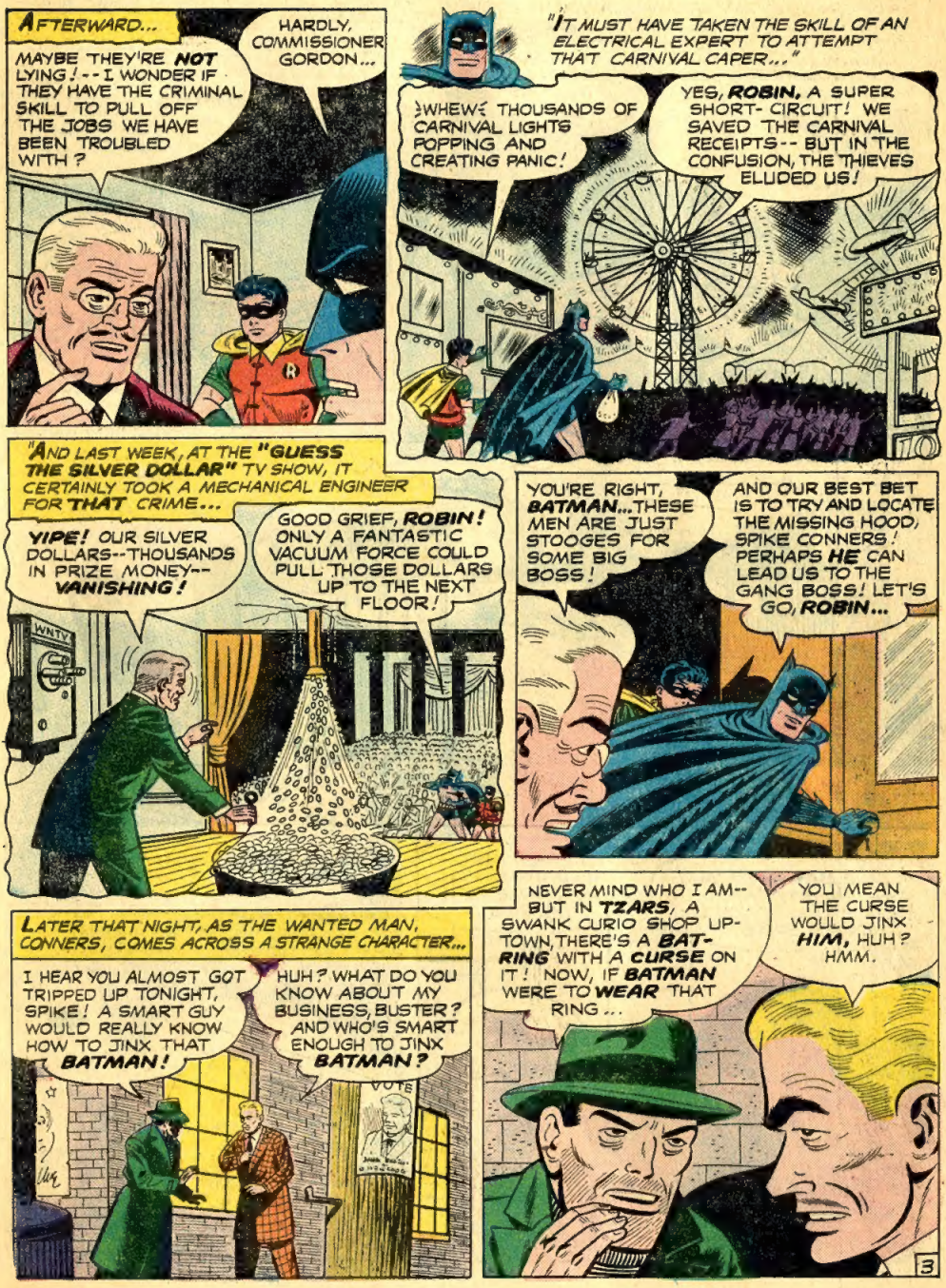
AFTERWARD...
HARDLY, COMMISSIONER GORDON...
MAYBE THEY'RE NOT LYING!--I WONDER IF THEY HAVE THE CRIMINAL SKILL TO PULL OFF THE JOBS WE HAVE BEEN TROUBLED WITH?
"IT MUST HAVE TAKEN THE SKILL OF AN ELECTRICAL EXPERT TO ATTEMPT THAT CARNIVAL CAPER..."
WHEW! THOUSANDS OF CARNIVAL LIGHTS POPPING AND CREATING PANIC!
YES, ROBIN, A SUPER SHORT-CIRCUIT! WE SAVED THE CARNIVAL RECEIPTS--BUT IN THE CONFUSION, THE THIEVES ELUDED US!
"AND LAST WEEK, AT THE "GUESS THE SILVER DOLLAR" TV SHOW, IT CERTAINLY TOOK A MECHANICAL ENGINEER FOR THAT CRIME...
YIPE! OUR SILVER DOLLARS--THOUSANDS IN PRIZE MONEY--VANISHING!
GOOD GRIEF, ROBIN! ONLY A FANTASTIC VACUUM FORCE COULD PULL THOSE DOLLARS UP TO THE NEXT FLOOR!
WNTV
YOU'RE RIGHT, BATMAN...THESE MEN ARE JUST STOOGES FOR SOME BIG BOSS!
AND OUR BEST BET IS TO TRY AND LOCATE THE MISSING HOOD, SPIKE CONNERS! PERHAPS HE CAN LEAD US TO THE GANG BOSS! LET'S GO, ROBIN...
LATER THAT NIGHT, AS THE WANTED MAN, CONNERS, COMES ACROSS A STRANGE CHARACTER...
I HEAR YOU ALMOST GOT TRIPPED UP TONIGHT, SPIKE! A SMART GUY WOULD REALLY KNOW HOW TO JINX THAT BATMAN!
HUH? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MY BUSINESS, BUSTER? AND WHO'S SMART ENOUGH TO JINX BATMAN?
VOTE
NEVER MIND WHO I AM--BUT IN TZARS, A SWANK CURIO SHOP UPTOWN, THERE'S A BAT-RING WITH A CURSE ON IT! NOW, IF BATMAN WERE TO WEAR THAT RING...
YOU MEAN THE CURSE WOULD JINX HIM, HUH? HMM.
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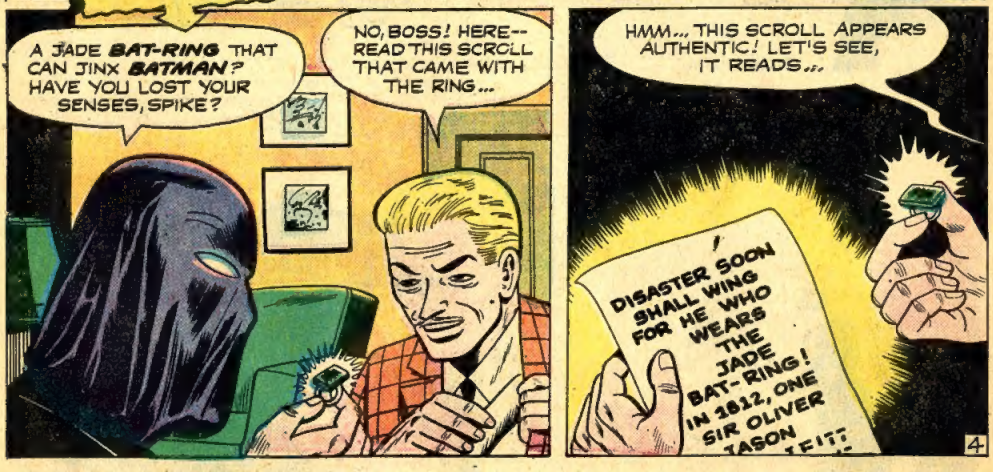
SPIKE CONNERS' TINY CRIMINAL MIND TURNS OVER AS HE SLINKS INTO THE NIGHT...
SURE... IF BATMAN WAS GIVEN A GIFT OF A BAT-RING, HE'D SURE WANT TO WEAR IT! THINK I'LL BUY IT AND GIVE IT TO THE BOSS!
HALF AN HOUR LATER...
GOTTA GO TO THE HIDEOUT REAL CAREFUL-BY THE BOSS' PLANNED SECRET ROUTE THAT MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE TO BE FOLLOWED!
GET INTO LAST SUBWAY CAR GOING NORTH-- JUST AS DOOR CLOSES...
GET OUT OF CAR JUST BEFORE DOOR CLOSES...
TAKE TAXI BACK SOUTH...
FINALLY, AT THE HIDEOUT...


A JADE BAT-RING THAT CAN JINX BATMAN? HAVE YOU LOST YOUR SENSES, SPIKE?
NO, BOSS! HERE-- READ THIS SCROLL THAT CAME WITH THE RING...
HMM... THIS SCROLL APPEARS AUTHENTIC! LET'S SEE, IT READS...
DISASTER SOON SHALL WING FOR HE WHO WEARS THE JADE BAT-RING! IN 1812, ONE SIR OLIVER JASON

"IN 1812, ONE SIR OLIVER JASON DEFIED THE RING'S CURSE AND WAS STRICKEN WITHIN MINUTES AFTER DONNING IT..."
OH, NO--! THE ACCURSED BAT-RING HAS STRUCK AT SIR OLIVER ALREADY! I WARNED HIM NOT TO WEAR IT!
"AGAIN, IN 1914, AN AMERICAN STUNT FLYER LAUGHED AT THE SUPERSTITION ATTACHED TO HIS CURIO PIECE, AND..."
HIS TAIL HAS FALLEN OFF! HOW COULD IT BE? THE PLANE WAS PERFECT WHEN HE TOOK OFF!
THE BAT-RING... HE TOOK IT FROM HIS GRANDFATHER'S COLLECTION, AND WORE IT TODAY, AS A JOKE!
EXCELLENT WORK, SPIKE! THERE IS A CURSE TO THIS RING--AND I KNOW JUST HOW WE CAN GET IT TO BATMAN WITHOUT CAUSING SUSPICION!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, IN GOTHAM PARK...
AND SO, BATMAN, THE CITIZENS OF GOTHAM CITY WISH TO TAKE THIS DAY TO THANK YOU FOR THE MANY GOOD DEEDS YOU HAVE DONE THEM!
AND I THANK YOU, MAYOR!
BATMAN DAY
OUR CITY'S GREATEST CRIME-FIGHTER
WHILE ACROSS THE PARK...
YOU SENT THE RING TO HIM AS AN ANONYMOUS GIFT, BOSS? WHAT IF HE SUSPECTS IT'S JINXED?
HOW CAN HE, WHEN HE HASN'T READ THE CURSE ON THE SCROLL?
SHORTLY... ONE OF YOUR ADMIRERS SENT YOU THIS BEAUTIFUL JADE RING, WITH A BAT ENGRAVED ON IT!
HE'S GOT IT! THE MAYOR'S PUTTING IT ON HIS FINGER! ANY MOMENT NOW, BATMAN MAY BE STRUCK BY THE CURSE!
THAT EVENING, AS THE CAPED CRIME-BUSTER COMPLETES BATMAN DAY FESTIVITIES AT A CHARITY AFFAIR...
I'VE SEEN BATMAN DO THIS TWICE BEFORE! IT'S A GREAT ACT, GLIDING INTO THAT NET LIKE A REAL BAT!
YES... BUT TONIGHT HE'S SHAKING! SOMETHING'S WRONG!
CHILDRENS MILK FUND
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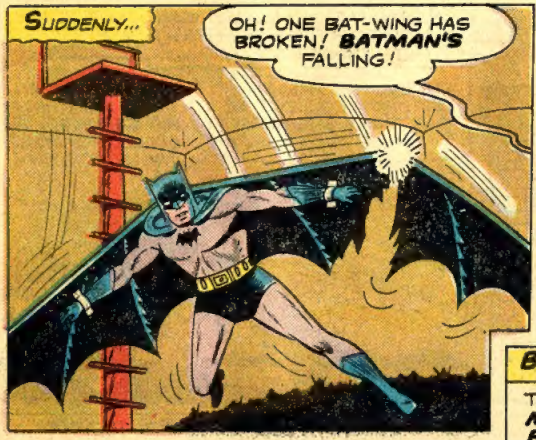
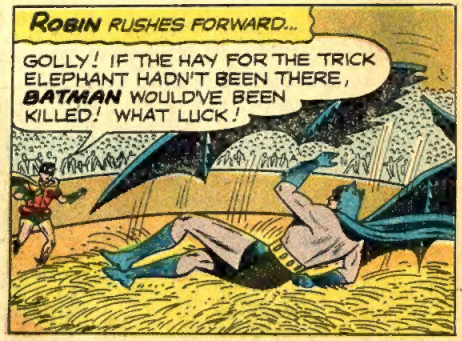
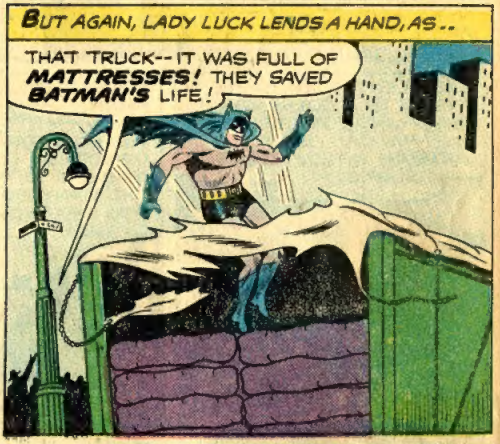
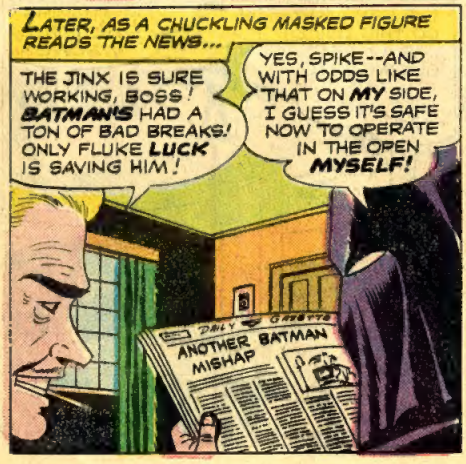
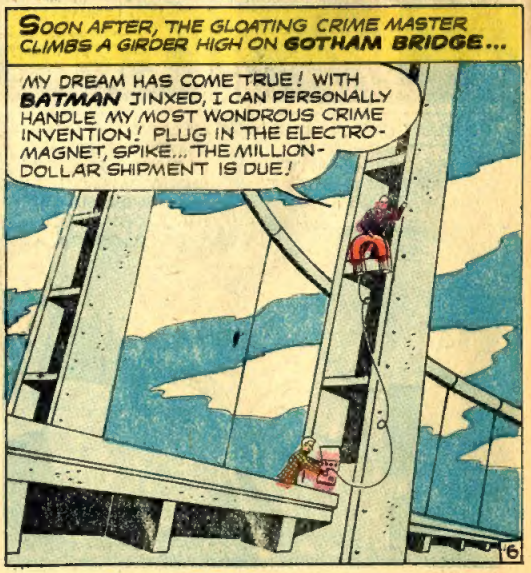

SUDDENLY...
OH! ONE BAT-WING HAS BROKEN! BATMAN'S FALLING!

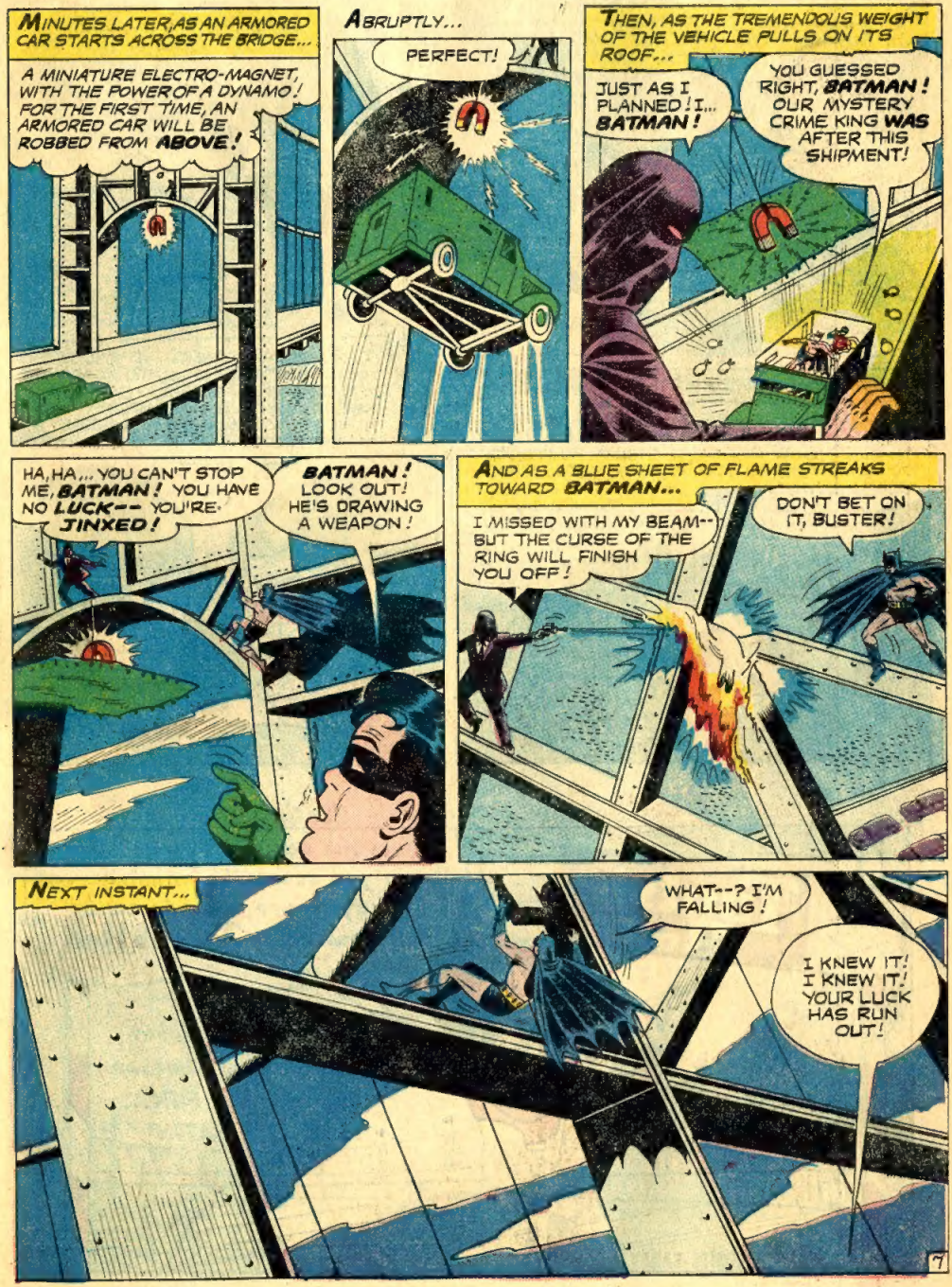

ROBIN RUSHES FORWARD...
GOLLY! IF THE HAY FOR THE TRICK ELEPHANT HADN'T BEEN THERE, BATMAN WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED! WHAT LUCK!

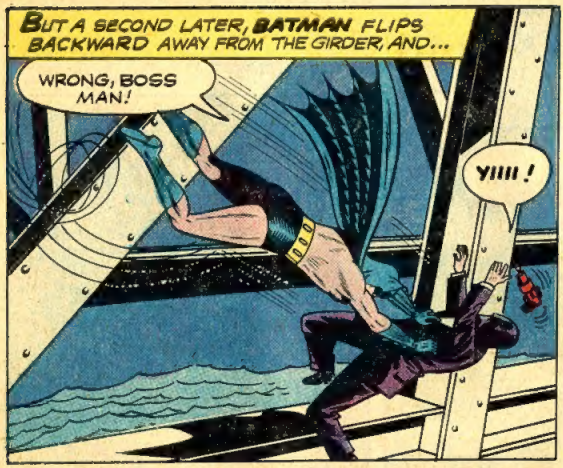

BUT AGAIN, LADY LUCK LENDS A HAND, AS...
THAT TRUCK--IT WAS FULL OF MATTRESSES! THEY SAVED BATMAN'S LIFE!

AND, NEXT DAY, AS BATMAN PURSUES A FLEEING THIEF...
EEK! HIS BAT-ROPE SNAPPED!
SNAP!


LATER, AS A CHUCKLING MASKED FIGURE READS THE NEWS...
THE JINX IS SURE WORKING, BOSS! BATMAN'S HAD A TON OF BAD BREAKS! ONLY FLUKE LUCK IS SAVING HIM!
YES, SPIKE--AND WITH ODDS LIKE THAT ON MY SIDE, I GUESS IT'S SAFE NOW TO OPERATE IN THE OPEN MYSELF!
DAILY GAZETTE
ANOTHER BATMAN MISHAP


SOON AFTER, THE GLOATING CRIME MASTER CLIMBS A GIRDER HIGH ON GOTHAM BRIDGE...
MY DREAM HAS COME TRUE! WITH BATMAN JINXED, I CAN PERSONALLY HANDLE MY MOST WONDROUS CRIME INVENTION! PLUG IN THE ELECTRO-MAGNET, SPIKE... THE MILLION-DOLLAR SHIPMENT IS DUE!


MINUTES LATER, AS AN ARMORED CAR STARTS ACROSS THE BRIDGE...
A MINIATURE ELECTRO-MAGNET, WITH THE POWER OF A DYNAMO! FOR THE FIRST TIME, AN ARMORED CAR WILL BE ROBBED FROM ABOVE!
ABRUPTLY...
PERFECT!
THEN, AS THE TREMENDOUS WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE PULLS ON ITS ROOF...
JUST AS I PLANNED! I... BATMAN!
YOU GUESSED RIGHT, BATMAN! OUR MYSTERY CRIME KING WAS AFTER THIS SHIPMENT!
HA, HA... YOU CAN'T STOP ME, BATMAN! YOU HAVE NO LUCK-- YOU'RE JINXED!
BATMAN! LOOK OUT! HE'S DRAWING A WEAPON!
AND AS A BLUE SHEET OF FLAME STREAKS TOWARD BATMAN...
I MISSED WITH MY BEAM-- BUT THE CURSE OF THE RING WILL FINISH YOU OFF!
DON'T BET ON IT, BUSTER!
NEXT INSTANT...
WHAT--? I'M FALLING!
I KNEW IT! I KNEW IT! YOUR LUCK HAS RUN OUT!



PRESENTLY, AT HEADQUARTERS...
YOU MEAN IT WAS YOU IN DISGUISE WHO TOLD SPIKE OF THAT RING? B-BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TRAP ME THEN?
SPIKE MANAGED TO ELUDE ME, WITH THAT TRICKY ROUTE TO YOUR HIDEOUT! HOWEVER, OUR "JINXED" RING PLAN, TO LURE YOU INTO ACTION, PAID OFF!
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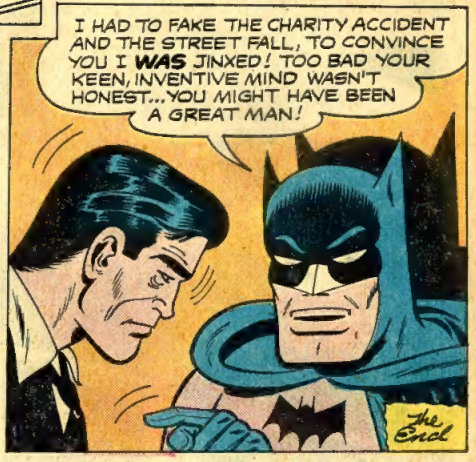
I HAD TO FAKE THE CHARITY ACCIDENT AND THE STREET FALL, TO CONVINCE YOU I WAS JINXED! TOO BAD YOUR KEEN, INVENTIVE MIND WASN'T HONEST... YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN A GREAT MAN!
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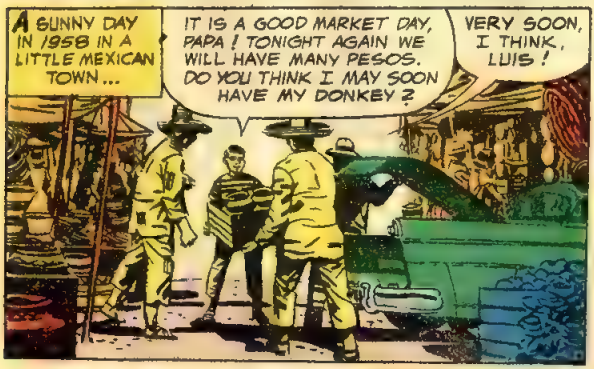
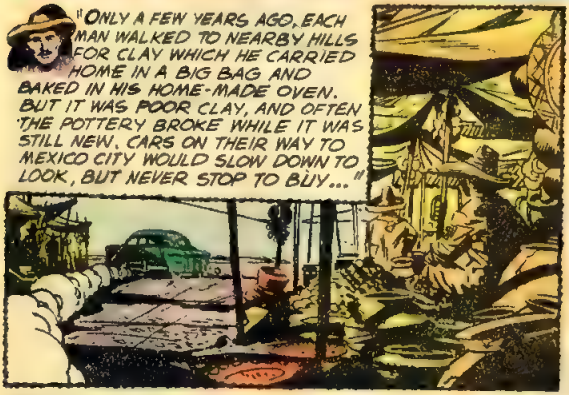
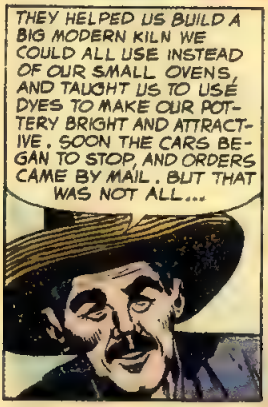

A SUNNY DAY IN 1958 IN A LITTLE MEXICAN TOWN...
IT IS A GOOD MARKET DAY, PAPA! TONIGHT AGAIN WE WILL HAVE MANY PESOS. DO YOU THINK I MAY SOON HAVE MY DONKEY?
VERY SOON, I THINK, LUIS!

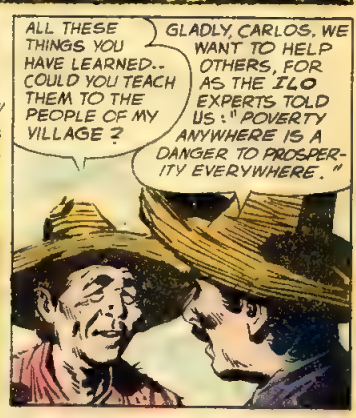
JUST THINK, HERE EVEN A BOY LIKE LUIS CAN HAVE HIS OWN DONKEY. IN MY POOR VILLAGE, EVEN THE MEN DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH PESOS TO BUY ONE!
OUR VILLAGE USED TO BE POOR, TOO, CARLOS--UNTIL THE EXPERTS CAME AND TAUGHT US THAT WHEN PEOPLE WORK TOGETHER IT MEANS BETTER TIMES FOR ALL!


"ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO, EACH MAN WALKED TO NEARBY HILLS FOR CLAY WHICH HE CARRIED HOME IN A BIG BAG AND BAKED IN HIS HOME-MADE OVEN. BUT IT WAS POOR CLAY, AND OFTEN THE POTTERY BROKE WHILE IT WAS STILL NEW. CARS ON THEIR WAY TO MEXICO CITY WOULD SLOW DOWN TO LOOK, BUT NEVER STOP TO BUY..."

"THEN ONE DAY, TWO MEN CAME FROM A PART OF THE UNITED NATIONS--THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. THEY SHOWED US A PLACE FAR BACK IN THE HILLS WITH BETTER CLAY, WHICH WE COULD BRING BACK TOGETHER IN A COMMUNITY TRUCK."


THEY HELPED US BUILD A BIG MODERN KILN WE COULD ALL USE INSTEAD OF OUR SMALL OVENS, AND TAUGHT US TO USE DYES TO MAKE OUR POTTERY BRIGHT AND ATTRACTIVE. SOON THE CARS BEGAN TO STOP, AND ORDERS CAME BY MAIL. BUT THAT WAS NOT ALL...

"OUR MEN LEARNED CARPENTRY FROM THEM, AND WE USED THE WOOD IN OUR FOREST FOR FINE FURNITURE. AND OUR WOMEN LEARNED TO WEAVE BEAUTIFUL CLOTH. SO LITTLE BY LITTLE OUR VILLAGE PROSPERED..."


ALL THESE THINGS YOU HAVE LEARNED.. COULD YOU TEACH THEM TO THE PEOPLE OF MY VILLAGE?
GLADLY, CARLOS. WE WANT TO HELP OTHERS, FOR AS THE ILO EXPERTS TOLD US: "POVERTY ANYWHERE IS A DANGER TO PROSPERITY EVERYWHERE."

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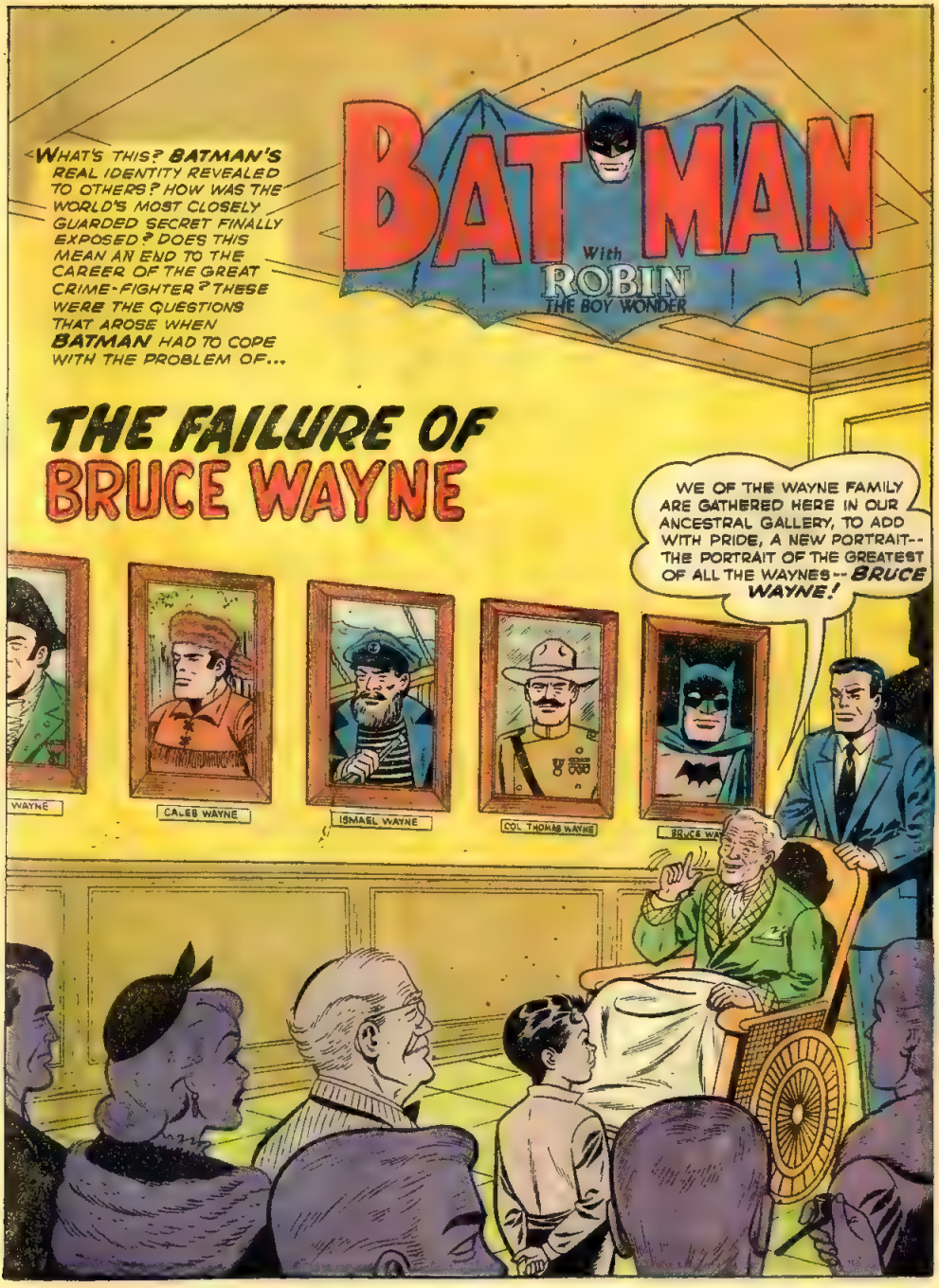
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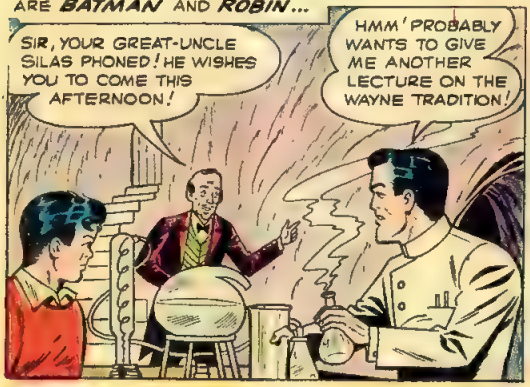
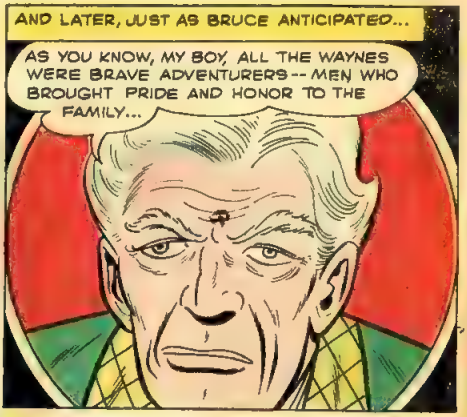
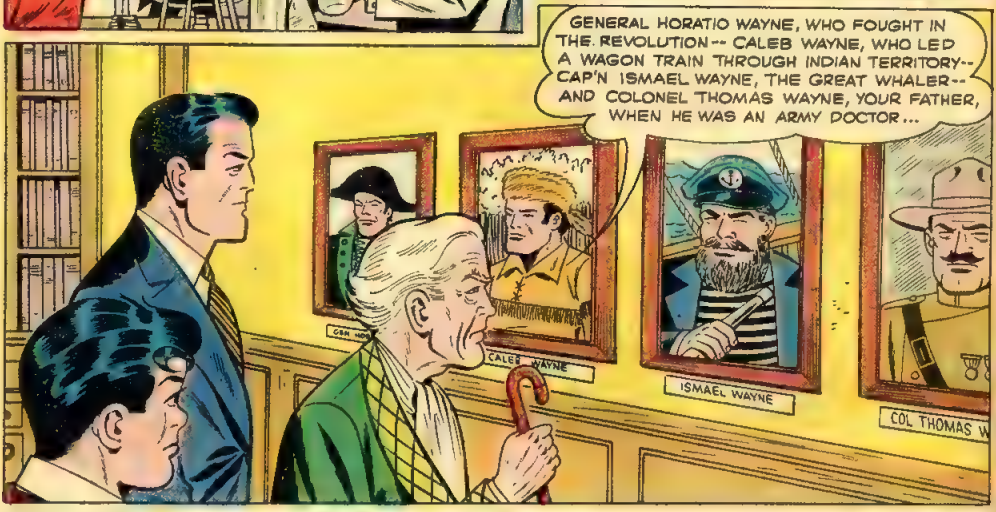
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
WHAT'S THIS? BATMAN'S REAL IDENTITY REVEALED TO OTHERS? HOW WAS THE WORLD'S MOST CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET FINALLY EXPOSED? DOES THIS MEAN AN END TO THE CAREER OF THE GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER? THESE WERE THE QUESTIONS THAT AROSE WHEN BATMAN HAD TO COPE WITH THE PROBLEM OF...
THE FAILURE OF BRUCE WAYNE
WE OF THE WAYNE FAMILY ARE GATHERED HERE IN OUR ANCESTRAL GALLERY, TO ADD WITH PRIDE, A NEW PORTRAIT-- THE PORTRAIT OF THE GREATEST OF ALL THE WAYNES-- BRUCE WAYNE!
WAYNE
CALEB WAYNE
ISMAEL WAYNE
COL THOMAS WAYNE

IN THE **BAT-CAVE** ONE MORNING, BRUCE WAYNE AND YOUNG DICK GRAYSON ARE INTERRUPTED BY THEIR BUTLER, ALFRED, THE ONLY LIVING MAN TO KNOW THEY ARE **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...


SIR, YOUR GREAT-UNCLE SILAS PHONED! HE WISHES YOU TO COME THIS AFTERNOON!
HMM! PROBABLY WANTS TO GIVE ME ANOTHER LECTURE ON THE WAYNE TRADITION!

AND LATER, JUST AS BRUCE ANTICIPATED...




GENERAL HORATIO WAYNE, WHO FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTION -- CALEB WAYNE, WHO LED A WAGON TRAIN THROUGH INDIAN TERRITORY -- CAP'N ISMAEL WAYNE, THE GREAT WHALER -- AND COLONEL THOMAS WAYNE, YOUR FATHER, WHEN HE WAS AN ARMY DOCTOR...
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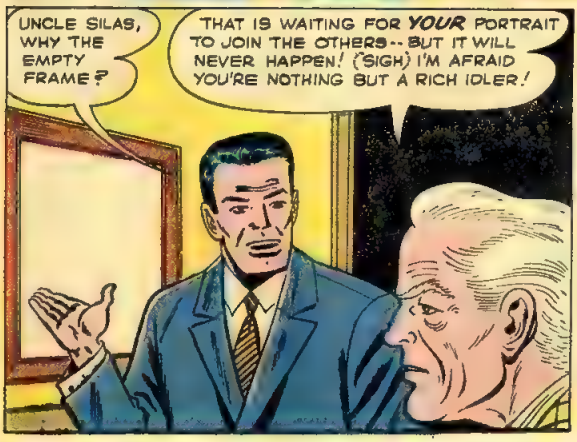
UNCLE SILAS, WHY THE EMPTY FRAME?
THAT IS WAITING FOR **YOUR** PORTRAIT TO JOIN THE OTHERS -- BUT IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN! (SIGH) I'M AFRAID YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A RICH IDLER!

AFTERWARDS, IN THE BAT-CAVE...
HOW I WANTED TO TELL HIM THAT MY BEING A PLAYBOY WAS ONLY A POSE TO COVER MY BATMAN IDENTITY! DICK, I MUST DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HIS LAST DAYS HAPPY!
SUDDENLY...
CALLING BATMAN! AN ARMED CONVICT HAS ESCAPED AND IS TRAPPED ON THE TOP FLOOR SCAFFOLDING OF THE NEW STEVENS BUILDING!
DICK, THIS TIME, BRUCE WAYNE IS GOING TO ANSWER A POLICE CALL INSTEAD OF BATMAN!
AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE...
OFFICER, I'M A REPORTER! ISN'T THERE ANY WAY YOU CAN REACH THE CONVICT?
NO! HE JAMMED THE ELEVATOR! THAT'S WHY WE NEED BATMAN! MAYBE HE CAN SWING ACROSS FROM THE TV MAST OF THE STATE BUILDING!
ABRUPTLY...
HOLD IT, MISTER! YOU CAN'T--WHY, IT'S BRUCE WAYNE! WHAT'S THE IDEA, MR. WAYNE?
I--I WAS GOING TO TRY TO GET UP TO THE CONVICT...
PRESS
AFTER SECRETLY SWITCHING TO HIS BATMAN COSTUME, THE CRIME-FIGHTER RIDES TO THE ADJACENT ROOF...
LOOK--IT'S BATMAN!
HE'S CLIMBING UP THE TV MAST!
YOU?!! THIS IS A JOB THAT CALLS FOR A SKILLED CRIME-FIGHTER LIKE BATMAN-- AND ONLY BATMAN!
HE'S RIGHT! IF I DID THIS AS BRUCE WAYNE, IT MIGHT BE SUSPECTED THAT I'M BATMAN!
PRESS
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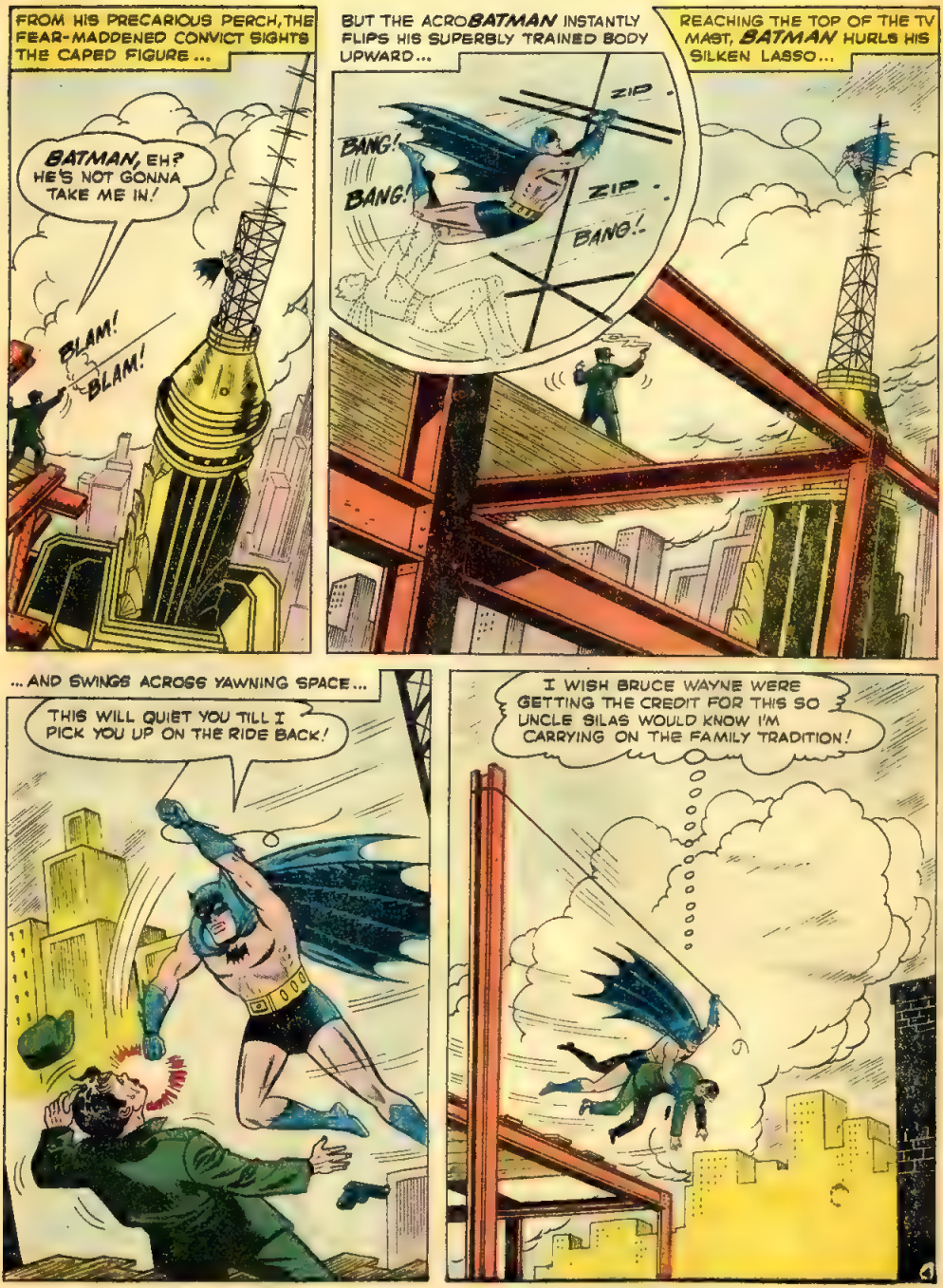
FROM HIS PRECARIOUS PERCH, THE FEAR-MADDENED CONVICT SIGHTS THE CAPED FIGURE...
BATMAN, EH? HE'S NOT GONNA TAKE ME IN!
BLAM!
BLAM!
BUT THE ACRO BATMAN INSTANTLY FLIPS HIS SUPERBLY TRAINED BODY UPWARD...
ZIP
BANG!
BANG!
ZIP
BANG!
REACHING THE TOP OF THE TV MAST, BATMAN HURLS HIS SILKEN LASSO...
...AND SWINGS ACROSS YAWNING SPACE...
THIS WILL QUIET YOU TILL I PICK YOU UP ON THE RIDE BACK!
I WISH BRUCE WAYNE WERE GETTING THE CREDIT FOR THIS SO UNCLE SILAS WOULD KNOW I'M CARRYING ON THE FAMILY TRADITION!

NEXT DAY, OLD SILAS READS THE STORY OF BRUCE'S VAIN ATTEMPT TO BE A HERO...
WELL, AT LEAST HE TRIED, I'LL SAY THAT FOR HIM! MAYBE HE'LL LIVE UP TO THE WAYNE NAME YET...
MEANWHILE, AS BRUCE IMPATIENTLY AWAITS ANOTHER SUMMONS...
CALLING BATMAN! AN EXPERIMENTAL ROBOT IS ON THE LOOSE AND PANICKING THE CITY!
IT MUST BE THE ROBOT PROFESSOR SHECKLEY WAS WORKING ON! DICK, THIS IS MY SECOND CHANCE TO MAKE BRUCE WAYNE A HERO!
LATER, AS THE MENACING MECHANISM RAMPAGES THROUGH THE CITY...
A LOOSE CONNECTION MUST'VE CAUSED IT TO RUN AMUCK LIKE THAT!
WHEN BATMAN SHOWS UP, WE'RE HOPING HE CAN DROP INTO THE PLASTIC DOME ON THE ROBOT'S HEAD! THAT'S WHERE THE CONTROLS ARE!
AS A FIGURE STARTS SCALING A BUILDING...
IF I CAN CLIMB HIGH ENOUGH, I CAN DROP RIGHT INTO THE CONTROL-DOME...
LOOK--THAT MAN! THE ROBOT'S SEEN HIM!
AN IRON HAND REACHES OUT--AND CLOSES LIKE A VISE!
UH-OH!
EVEN AS THE HAND HURLS HIM DOWNWARD, BRUCE TWISTS HIS BODY, AND...
I DID IT--LANDED ATOP THIS AWNING TO BREAK MY FALL!
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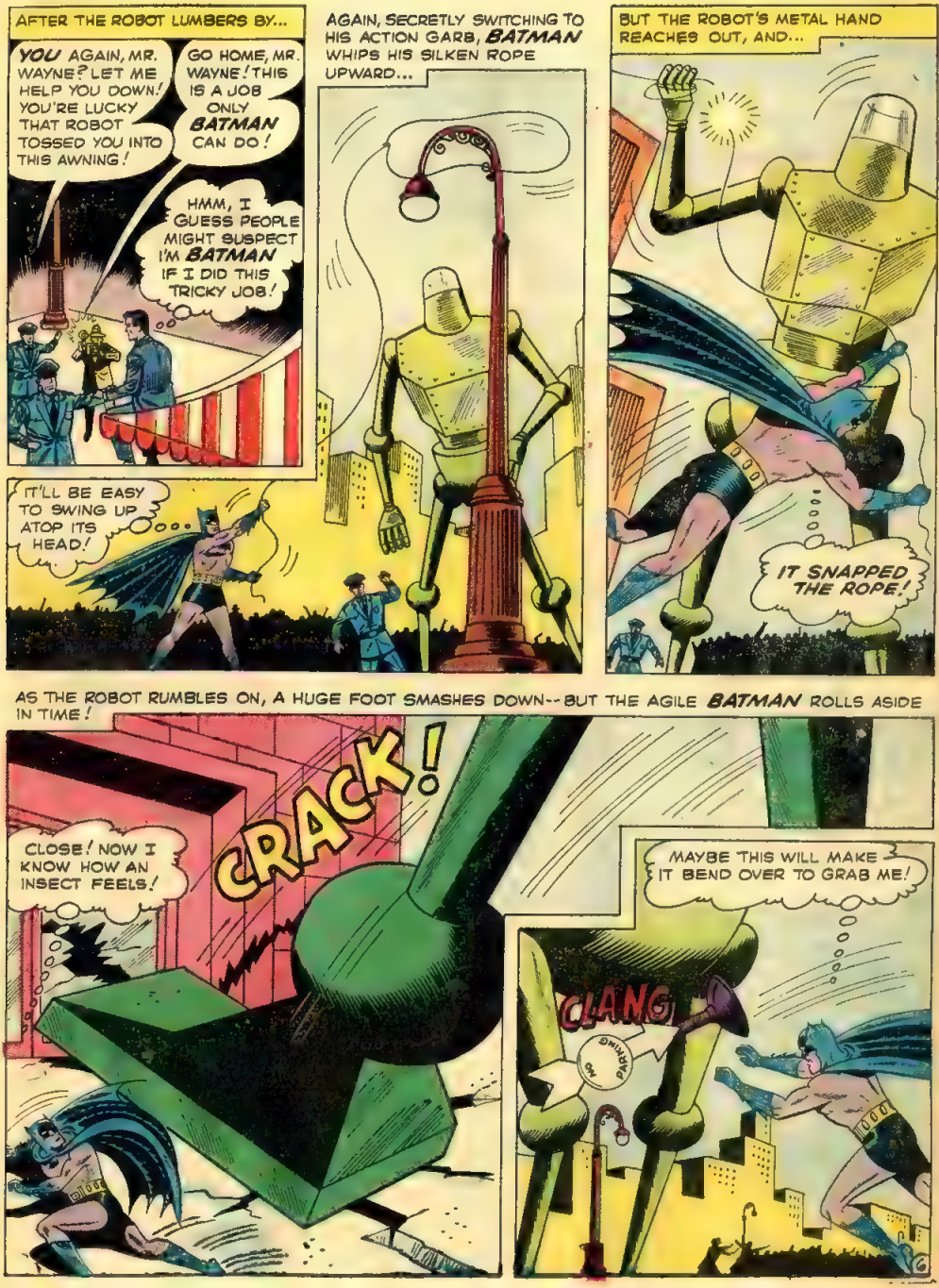
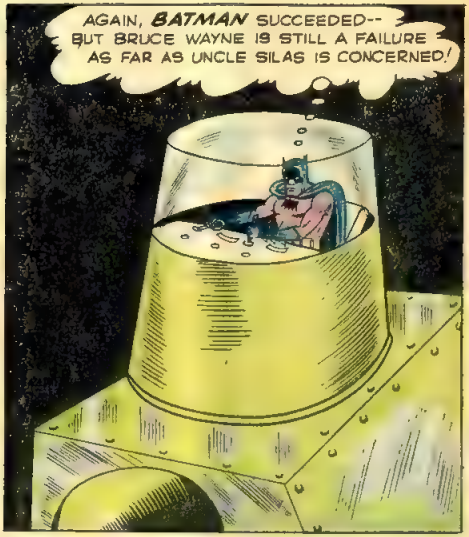
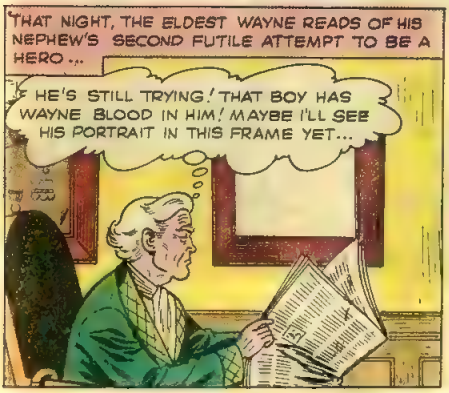
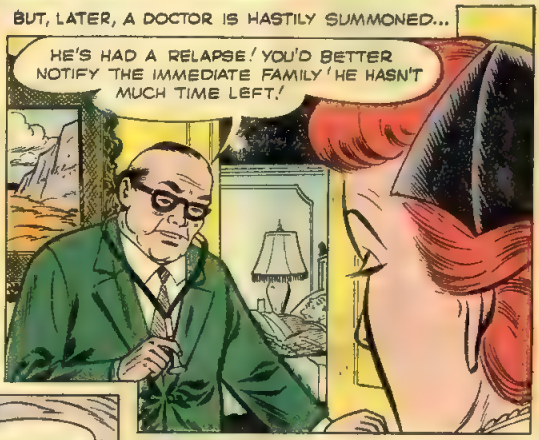
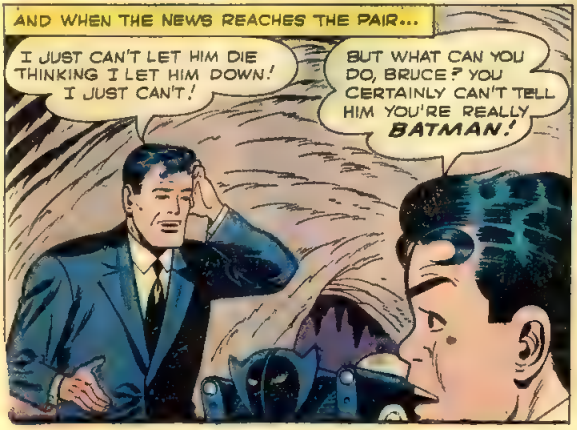

AFTER THE ROBOT LUMBERS BY...
YOU AGAIN, MR. WAYNE? LET ME HELP YOU DOWN! YOU'RE LUCKY THAT ROBOT TOSSED YOU INTO THIS AWNING!
GO HOME, MR. WAYNE! THIS IS A JOB ONLY BATMAN CAN DO!
HMM, I GUESS PEOPLE MIGHT SUSPECT I'M BATMAN IF I DID THIS TRICKY JOB!
AGAIN, SECRETLY SWITCHING TO HIS ACTION GARB, BATMAN WHIPS HIS SILKEN ROPE UPWARD...
IT'LL BE EASY TO SWING UP ATOP ITS HEAD!
BUT THE ROBOT'S METAL HAND REACHES OUT, AND...
IT SNAPPED THE ROPE!
AS THE ROBOT RUMBLES ON, A HUGE FOOT SMASHES DOWN--BUT THE AGILE BATMAN ROLLS ASIDE IN TIME!
CRACK!
CLOSE! NOW I KNOW HOW AN INSECT FEELS!
MAYBE THIS WILL MAKE IT BEND OVER TO GRAB ME!
CLANG
CLANG
CLANG

AS IT STOOPS TO SEIZE ITS PUNY PREY...
NOW TO GET AT ITS CONTROLS AND SWITCH OFF THE POWER!


AGAIN, BATMAN SUCCEEDED-- BUT BRUCE WAYNE IS STILL A FAILURE AS FAR AS UNCLE SILAS IS CONCERNED!


THAT NIGHT, THE ELDEST WAYNE READS OF HIS NEPHEW'S SECOND FUTILE ATTEMPT TO BE A HERO ...
HE'S STILL TRYING! THAT BOY HAS WAYNE BLOOD IN HIM! MAYBE I'LL SEE HIS PORTRAIT IN THIS FRAME YET...

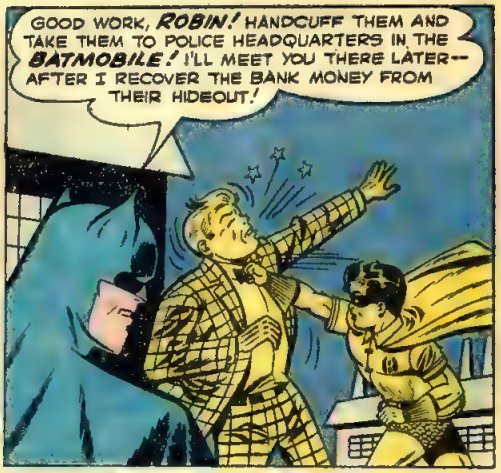

BUT, LATER, A DOCTOR IS HASTILY SUMMONED...
HE'S HAD A RELAPSE! YOU'D BETTER NOTIFY THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY! HE HASN'T MUCH TIME LEFT!


AND WHEN THE NEWS REACHES THE PAIR...
I JUST CAN'T LET HIM DIE THINKING I LET HIM DOWN! I JUST CAN'T!
BUT WHAT CAN YOU DO, BRUCE? YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T TELL HIM YOU'RE REALLY BATMAN!

DICK-- MAYBE THAT'S JUST WHAT I WILL DO!

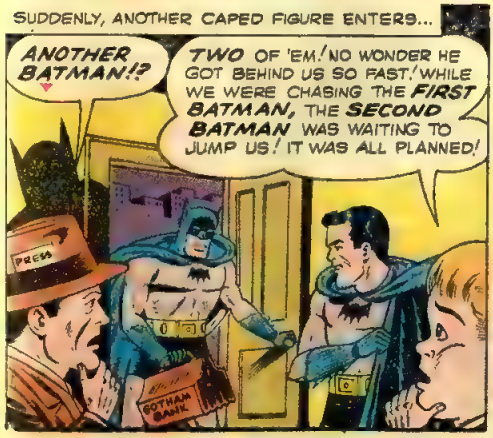
SOON AFTER ...
WHEN ALFRED INTERRUPTED US, WE WERE ABOUT TO EXAMINE THE GLOVE ONE OF THE "BABYFACE" MULLER GANG DROPPED WHEN THEY HELD UP THE GOTHAM BANK ...
ANY CLUE ON IT?
YES--WOOD FIBRES AND GLUE! THAT DUST INSIDE THE GLOVE CAME FROM A CARPENTER'S SHOP!
ARNIE BRIGGS USED TO BE IN MULLER'S GANG! MAYBE HE'S REJOINED THE GA!'G--AND THEY'RE USING HIS CARPENTRY SHOP AS A HIDEOUT!
LATER, IN THE HIDEOUT, THE GANG SUDDENLY HEARS A SCUFFLE OUTSIDE ...
"BABYFACE--LOOK! BATMAN--SLUGGING OUR LOOKOUT!
QUICK! WE'VE GOT TO GRAB BATMAN BEFORE HE GETS AWAY TO TIP OUR HIDEOUT TO THE LAW!
AS THE THUGS PURSUE THE CAPED FIGURE..
THERE HE GOES! AFTER HIM!
SUDDENLY...
BATMAN! HOW DID HE GET AROUND US SO FAST?
HUNCHING HIS BODY, BATMAN HURTLES INTO THE MASSED GANGSTERS LIKE A CANNONBALL...
RIGHT ON TARGET!
OW!
OOF!

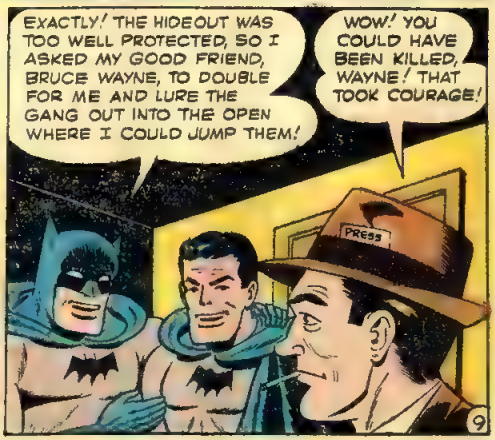
THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME!

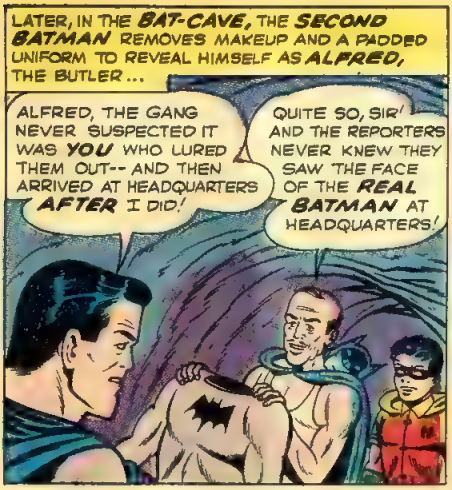

GOOD WORK, ROBIN! HANDCUFF THEM AND TAKE THEM TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE BATMOBILE! I'LL MEET YOU THERE LATER--AFTER I RECOVER THE BANK MONEY FROM THEIR HIDEOUT!

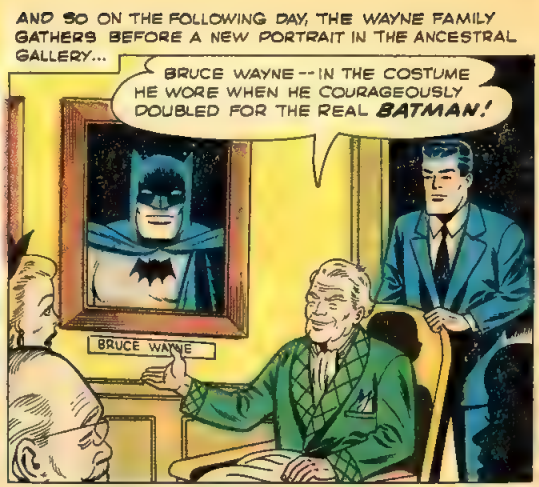
LATER, WHEN BATMAN ARRIVES...
HOLD IT! I WANT A SHOT OF YOU FOR MY PAPER!
SURE--BUT FIRST LET ME...

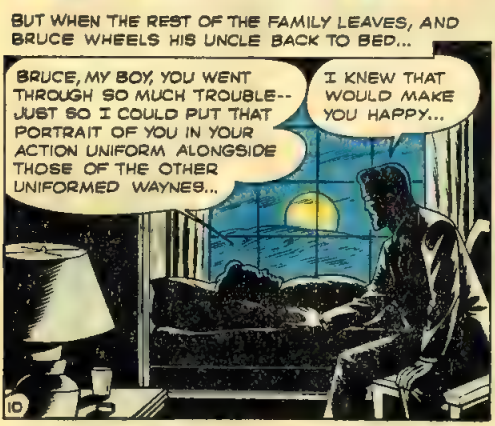
...REMOVE MY COWL!
WHA-AAT? BRUCE WAYNE!
BATMAN IS BRUCE WAYNE!


SUDDENLY, ANOTHER CAPED FIGURE ENTERS...
ANOTHER BATMAN!?
TWO OF 'EM! NO WONDER HE GOT BEHIND US SO FAST! WHILE WE WERE CHASING THE FIRST BATMAN, THE SECOND BATMAN WAS WAITING TO JUMP US! IT WAS ALL PLANNED!
PRESS
GOTHAM BANK


EXACTLY! THE HIDEOUT WAS TOO WELL PROTECTED, SO I ASKED MY GOOD FRIEND, BRUCE WAYNE, TO DOUBLE FOR ME AND LURE THE GANG OUT INTO THE OPEN WHERE I COULD JUMP THEM!
WOW! YOU COULD HAVE BEEN KILLED, WAYNE! THAT TOOK COURAGE!
PRESS


LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE, THE SECOND BATMAN REMOVES MAKEUP AND A PADDED UNIFORM TO REVEAL HIMSELF AS ALFRED, THE BUTLER...
ALFRED, THE GANG NEVER SUSPECTED IT WAS YOU WHO LURED THEM OUT-- AND THEN ARRIVED AT HEADQUARTERS AFTER I DID!
QUITE SO, SIR! AND THE REPORTERS NEVER KNEW THEY SAW THE FACE OF THE REAL BATMAN AT HEADQUARTERS!


AND SO ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE WAYNE FAMILY GATHERS BEFORE A NEW PORTRAIT IN THE ANCESTRAL GALLERY...
BRUCE WAYNE--IN THE COSTUME HE WORE WHEN HE COURAGEOUSLY DOUBLED FOR THE REAL BATMAN!
BRUCE WAYNE


BUT WHEN THE REST OF THE FAMILY LEAVES, AND BRUCE WHEELS HIS UNCLE BACK TO BED...
BRUCE, MY BOY, YOU WENT THROUGH SO MUCH TROUBLE-- JUST SO I COULD PUT THAT PORTRAIT OF YOU IN YOUR ACTION UNIFORM ALONGSIDE THOSE OF THE OTHER UNIFORMED WAYNES...
I KNEW THAT WOULD MAKE YOU HAPPY...
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YES, BUT I'M EVEN HAPPIER THAT YOU TOLD ME YOUR SECRET IDENTITY BEFORE THE FAMILY ARRIVED! YOUR SECRET WILL DIE WITH ME, AND I'LL DIE PROUDLY KNOWING A WAYNE IS ACTUALLY THE GREATEST HERO OF OUR TIME--BATMAN!
THE END

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On Hallowe'en when witches meet
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Though their cry is "TRICK or TREAT"
Tootsie Roll POP
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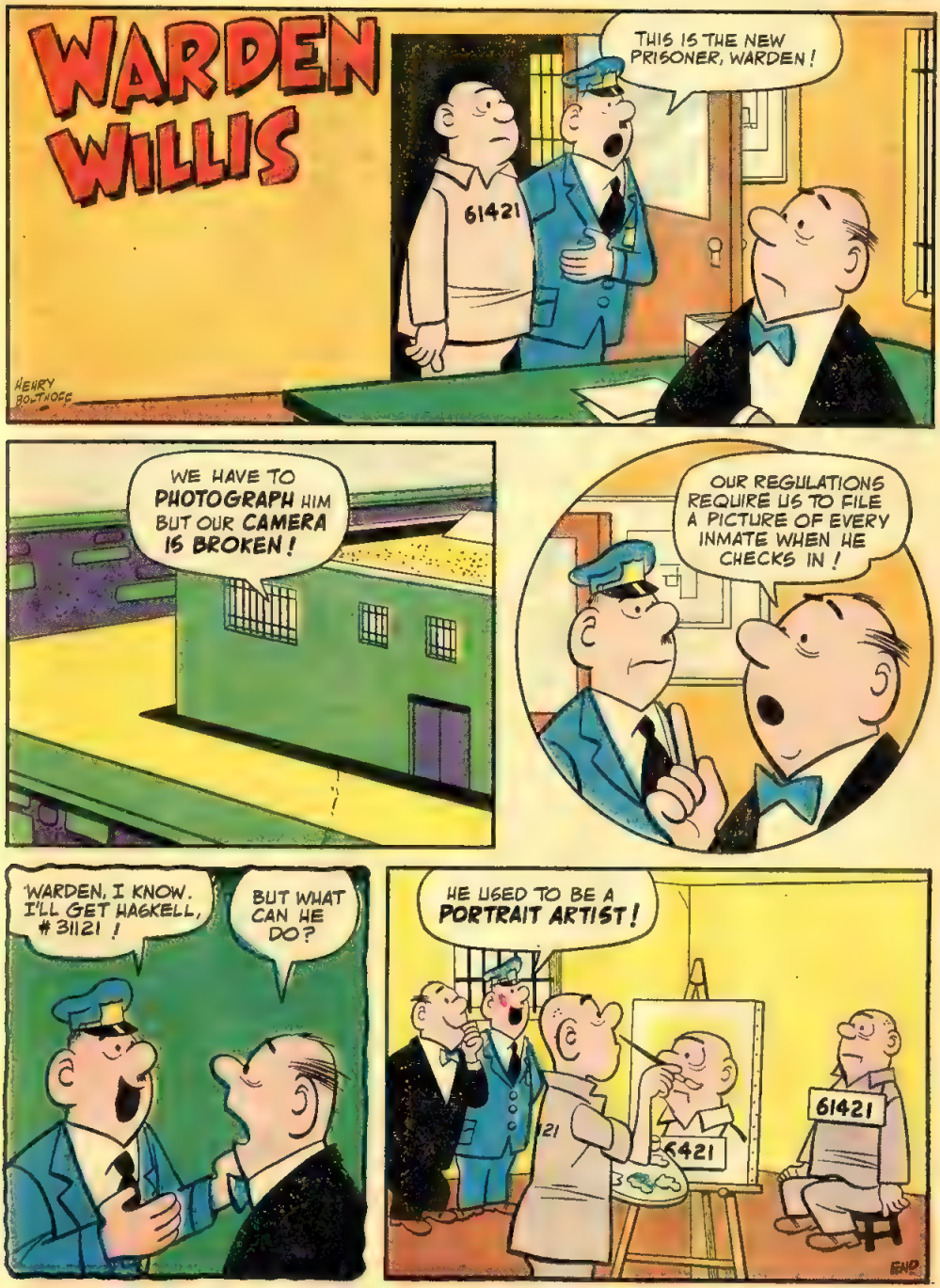
WARDEN WILLIS
THIS IS THE NEW PRISONER, WARDEN!
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HENRY BOLTHOFF
WE HAVE TO PHOTOGRAPH HIM BUT OUR CAMERA IS BROKEN!
OUR REGULATIONS REQUIRE US TO FILE A PICTURE OF EVERY INMATE WHEN HE CHECKS IN!
WARDEN, I KNOW. I'LL GET HAGKELL, #31121!
BUT WHAT CAN HE DO?
HE USED TO BE A PORTRAIT ARTIST!
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END OF A HOLD-UP

DESPITE an occasional rheumatic twinge in his legs, McSorley never felt his 72 years. But Mr. Caldwell, who managed the elite Sea Breeze Yacht Club, felt that the duties of a porter could better be performed by a younger man, and, had advised him that beyond this week, his services no longer were needed. The bluntness had been tempered with generosity. In recognition of his 25 years' work, McSorley had been given an added week's salary.

McSorley was tidying up after the summer's final dinner-dance the night before, vividly recalling other occasions of years long ago, and wondering what he might be doing next week at this time, when his reflections were rudely interrupted by two men, who had slipped unobtrusively into the room. Both their faces were half-covered with handkerchiefs. "Good heavens!" exclaimed McSorley. "You gave me such a start."

"And you'll get much more, if you don't do what we say, Pop!" rasped one of them, removing a gun from his pocket to indicate what he meant.

"Where's the dough?" asked the other masked intruder. "There were a lot of games played here last night for charity, and the winnings were stashed away in the safe!"

"You mean," said McSorley, his watery eyes blinking in astonishment, "you'd take money away from widows and children?"

"Oh, for Pete's sake!" snapped the thug with the gun.

"Look, Pop. my pal's got a nasty temper and he's very impatient, so don't get cute with us if you want to die of old age."

"Ha. that's funny of you to say that, young feller. According to Mr. Caldwell, I haven't got a long way to go," said McSorley, with a ripple of a laugh.

Pain wracked his arthritic arm as the thief snatched it and pressed it behind his back. "We haven't got all morning, Pop! Where's the safe?" he snapped.

McSorley managed to blurt out, "I'll show you, just let go of my arm, please. Please!"

In Mr. Caldwell's office, McSorley pushed aside the picture of the yacht club when it was founded, revealing the wall safe. One of the thugs examined it while McSorley rubbed his injured arm. "This is a pushover. We'll be out of here in five minutes," said the crook.

McSorley glanced at the wall clock. "It's after 10, and the flag hasn't been hoisted on the front lawn."

"So what?" asked the thief, preparing to assault the safe.

"Anybody driving by will think there's something strange. I've never missed a single day in 25 years, flying the American flag."

"The old boy's got something. Maybe his mind's wandering, but it's going in the right direction," said the other man, with a wink. "Tell you what, you stay here and work on the safe. I'll go with him and see he gets the flag up."

Behind the screen door, the thug watched McSorley saunter across the lawn, attach the flag to the cord and hoist it to the top of the 30-foot pole. With a sigh of regret, McSorley saw it hang limply, then just before he stepped inside, a spanking breeze caught the flag.

"How're you doing?" asked the returning thug.

"It'll open in a minute! Ah, there it is now," said the other, wrenching open the door.

The wail of an approaching police siren caused them to freeze. "Let's get out of here!" one of them cried. But already two policemen were storming into the office.

Mr. Caldwell, who had been given an account of the attempted theft, after hurriedly appearing at the club in response to a phone call, watched the police lead the men away. "For a man of 72. you showed unusual quick thinking," he said to McSorley. "I don't know if a younger man would've thought of it."

"He might have." said the old man. modestly, "if he knew that flying Old Glory upside-down was a distress signal, and that a patrol car cruises by here a few minutes after 10."

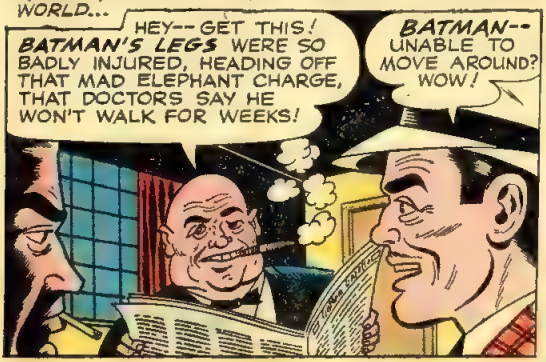
Mr. Caldwell put an affectionate arm around McSorley. "If you haven't made any plans. why don't you stay on—and keep that extra week's salary as a reward?"

BATMAN
With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
WHEN WORD OF BATMAN'S INJURY REACHED THE UNDERWORLD GANGS, THEY STRUCK FAST-- FOR HOW COULD THEIR GREATEST NEMESIS POSSIBLY SMASH THEIR PLANS WITHOUT THE USE OF HIS LEGS? TO ANSWER THIS QUESTION, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER HAD ONLY ONE CHOICE-- AND THAT WAS TO BECOME...
"the AIRBORNE BATMAN"
THANKS TO THE WHIRLY-BAT, WE MANAGED TO DISLODGE THAT GIANT BOULDER... BUT WILL IT STRIKE THE BRIDGE IN TIME?
FASTER! FASTER! BATMAN CAN'T LEAVE THAT MACHINE TO GRAB US! ONCE WE CROSS THAT BRIDGE, WE'RE SAFE!
BOB KANE

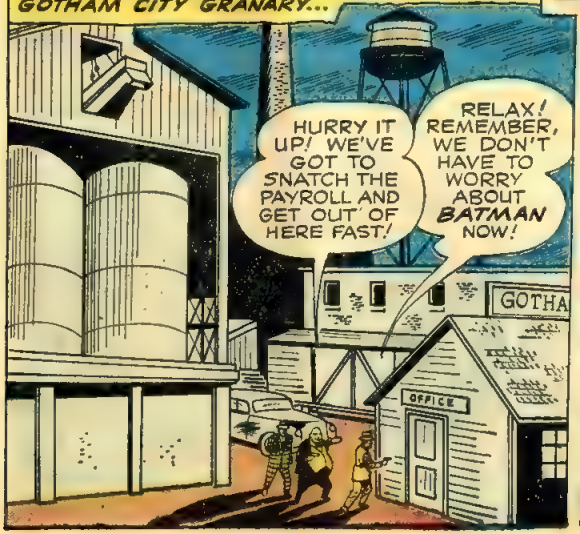
STARTLING NEWS HEADLINES GREET THE POPULACE OF GOTHAM CITY, ONE MORNING...

BATMAN HURT BY ELEPHANT AT CHARITY CIRCUS
FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER TURNS MAD ELEPHANT CHARGE--INJURED
WILD ELEPHANT HOSPITALIZES BATMAN, AS CAPED HERO SAVES CROWD

QUICKLY, THE WORD RACES THROUGH THE UNDERWORLD...


HEY--GET THIS! BATMAN'S LEGS WERE SO BADLY INJURED, HEADING OFF THAT MAD ELEPHANT CHARGE, THAT DOCTORS SAY HE WON'T WALK FOR WEEKS!
BATMAN--UNABLE TO MOVE AROUND? WOW!

SO IT IS THAT SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AT THE GOTHAM CITY GRANARY...


HURRY IT UP! WE'VE GOT TO SNATCH THE PAYROLL AND GET OUT OF HERE FAST!
RELAX! REMEMBER, WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT BATMAN NOW!
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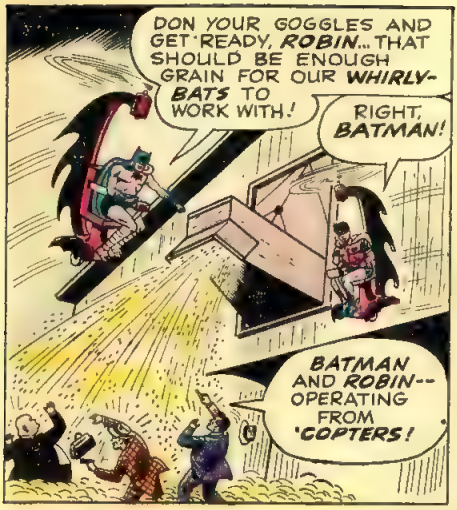
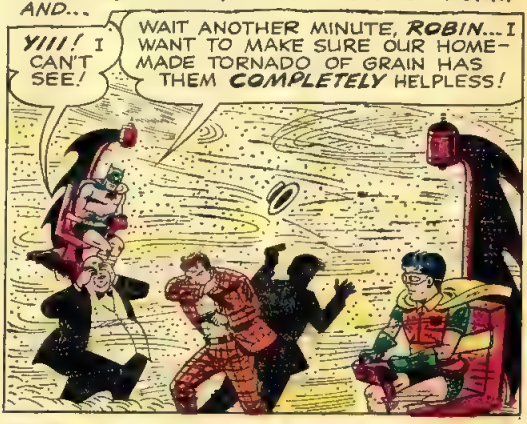
OFFICE

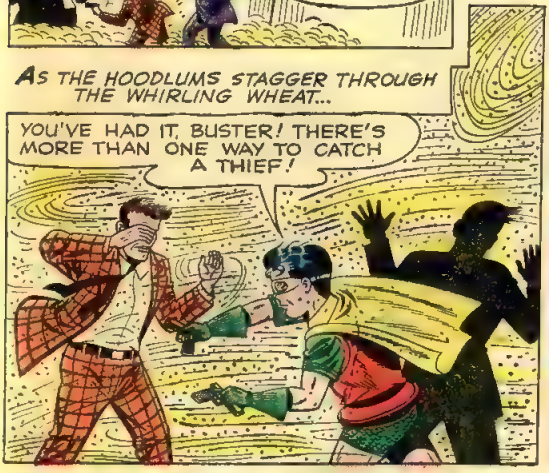
BUT, SHORTLY AFTERWARD, AS THE THIEVES RACE OUT WITH THEIR LOOT...


DON YOUR GOGGLES AND GET READY, ROBIN... THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH GRAIN FOR OUR WHIRLY-BATS TO WORK WITH!
RIGHT, BATMAN!
BATMAN AND ROBIN-- OPERATING FROM 'COPTERS!

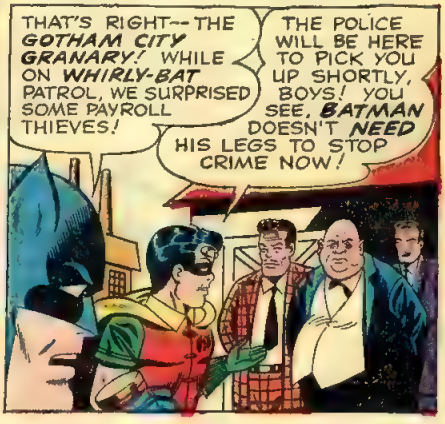
ABRUPTLY, THE UNIQUE VEHICLES DROP DOWN, AND...



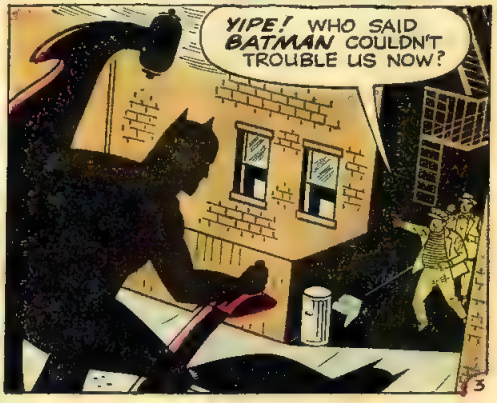
AS THE HOODLUMS STAGGER THROUGH THE WHIRLING WHEAT...



WITH A PORTABLE RADIO-PHONE, BATMAN COMPLETES THE CAPTURE...


THAT'S RIGHT-- THE GOTHAM CITY GRANARY! WHILE ON WHIRLY-BAT PATROL, WE SURPRISED SOME PAYROLL THIEVES!
THE POLICE WILL BE HERE TO PICK YOU UP SHORTLY, BOYS! YOU SEE, BATMAN DOESN'T NEED HIS LEGS TO STOP CRIME NOW!

INDEED, DURING THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, CRIMINALS EVERYWHERE ARE QUICK TO LEARN THIS LESSON...



THUS, BEFORE LONG, GANGLAND REALIZES THAT SPECIAL MEASURES MUST BE APPLIED...

ALL RIGHT, BOYS, REMEMBER--WE HAVE TO GET THE COUNTRY CLUB RECEIPTS AND BE OVER THAT BRIDGE BEFORE THE POLICE CAN BLOCK IT OFF!

RIGHT...AND IF BATMAN SHOWS UP IN THAT FLYING MACHINE OF HIS, WE'LL STOP HIM COLD!

PRESENTLY, HIGH ABOVE THE OUTSKIRTS OF GOTHAM CITY...

ALL CARS--WAITER REPORTS SUNSET CLUB BEING ROBBED ON OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN!

LET'S GO, ROBIN... IT'LL TAKE SQUAD CARS 12 OR 15 MINUTES TO GET THERE! WE'RE ONLY A MILE AWAY BY AIR!

BUT AS THE WHIRLY-BATS APPROACH THE SUNSET CLUB...

GOLLY, BATMAN... THEY'VE GOT LOOKOUTS WITH HIGH-POWERED RIFLES TO STOP US!

YES, ROBIN--AND IF A BULLET MAKES A DIRECT HIT ON ONE OF OUR ROTARY BLADES, WE'LL BE HELPLESS! HMMM--THAT BOULDER ON THE HILLSIDE GIVES ME AN IDEA, THOUGH...

CRACK!

SOME HASTY INSTRUCTIONS FROM BATMAN--AND THE TWO 'COPTERS DIP DOWNWARD, UNTIL...

HAW! I THOUGHT WE STOPPED THOSE TWO CLOWNS! WONDER WHAT THE LITTLE ONE'S TRYING TO DO WITH THAT BOULDER?

WHO CARES? HE CAN'T BUDGE IT--AND THEY DON'T DARE RUN THROUGH OUR RIFLE FIRE IN THOSE MACHINES! IN FIVE MINUTES, WE'LL BE OVER THE BRIDGE AND GONE!

BUT, MINUTES LATER...

YEOW! THEY USED THOSE WHIRLING GADGETS' WEIGHT TO DISLODGE THE GIANT BOULDER! IT'S HEADING TOWARD THE BRIDGE!

THE BRIDGE? IF IT'S SMASHED, WE'LL BE TRAPPED! WE CAN'T ESCAPE BEFORE THE LAW GETS HERE!

BULL'S-EYE, ROBIN! THAT BRIDGE LEADS TO THE ROUTE UP-COUNTRY! NOW THEY'LL HAVE TO BACKTRACK AND RUN INTO OUR PATROL CARS!

CRASH!!

SCREECH

AND WHEN THE UNDERWORLD LEARNS OF BATMAN'S LATEST FLYING FEAT...

GEE... BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE MORE TROUBLE IN THOSE 'COPTERS THAN ON THEIR TWO FEET, BOSS!

THAT GANG DIDN'T WORK THE ANGLES, WILLIE... ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS PLAY THINGS SMART! HERE--HAVE A LOOK-SEE AT THIS..

BATMAN THWARTS RESORT ROBBERY WHIRLY-BATS USED TO SMASH BRIDGE

A--A MODEL OF THE GOTHAM AIRCRAFT CORPORATION... BUT WHERE'S THE ANGLE THERE, BOSS?

RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU, CHUMP! WE'RE GONNA PULL A JOB THERE--AND THESE SMOKESTACKS ARE GONNA PROTECT US FROM BATMAN! NOW, LISTEN...

GOTHAM AIRCRAFT

NEXT DAY, AFTER A BURGLARY ALARM ALERTS THE AIRBORNE PAIR...

GOSH--AN UNDERWORLD GANG HOLDING UP THE AIRCRAFT OFFICES, BATMAN! WHAT'S OUR PLAN OF ATTACK?

YOU CAN LAND THERE, ROBIN, WHILE I OPERATE FROM THE AIR!

AS THEY ALTER COURSE, HOWEVER...

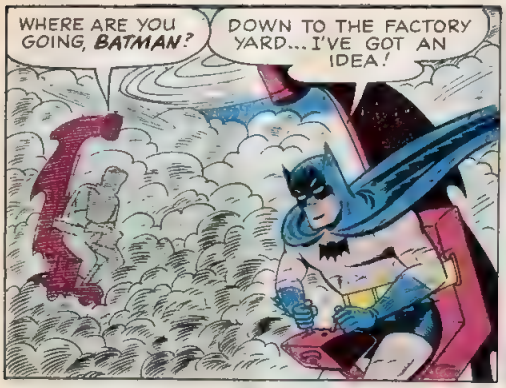
:COUGH: SMOKE COMING FROM ALL THE STACKS! I CAN'T SEE...

THE GANG MUST HAVE :CHOKE: PLANNED IT THIS WAY! THEY'RE USING THE SMOKE STACKS TO SCREEN THEIR GETAWAY! BUT THEY HAVEN'T ESCAPED YET...

BUT AS THE WINGED CRIME-FIGHTERS WHIRL TOWARD THE ROBBERY SCENE...

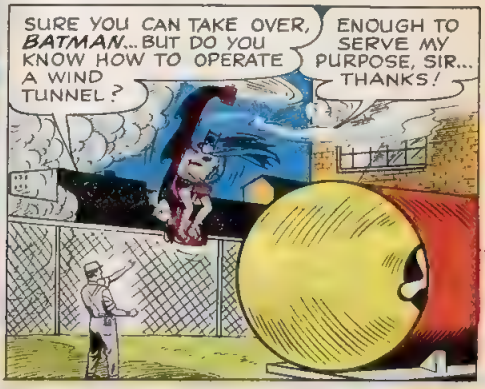
BATMAN! THE SMOKE FROM THAT STACK... I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON BELOW!

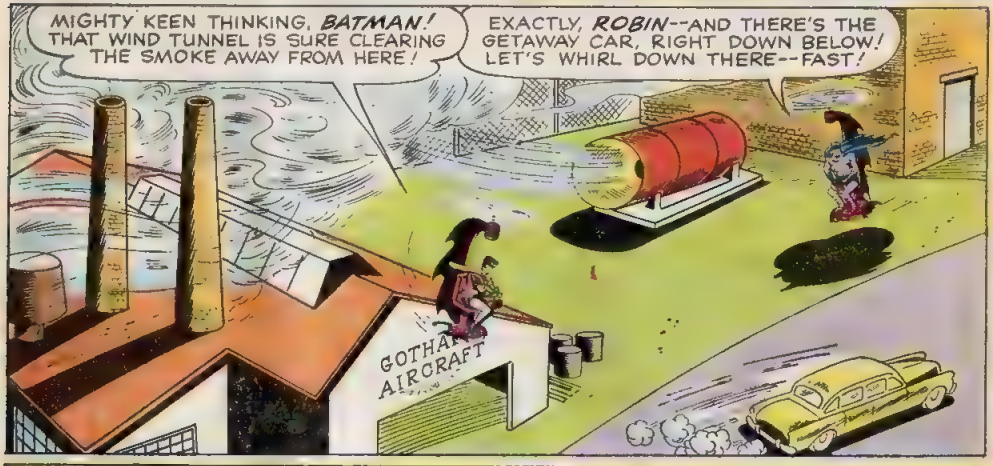
NEITHER CAN I, ROBIN! BANK TO THE LEFT... PERHAPS WE CAN GET AWAY FROM THAT SMOKE CLOUD!



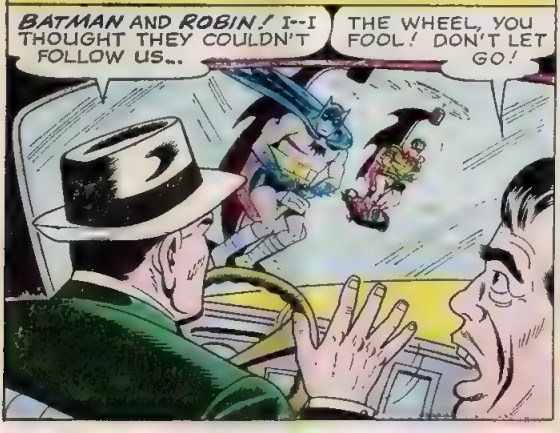
AND AS A TREMENDOUS GUSH OF WIND SWIRLS FROM THE TUNNEL...

WHAT IS BATMAN PLANNING? A LITTLE LATER, DOWN BELOW...




MIGHTY KEEN THINKING, BATMAN! THAT WIND TUNNEL IS SURE CLEARING THE SMOKE AWAY FROM HERE!
EXACTLY, ROBIN--AND THERE'S THE GETAWAY CAR, RIGHT DOWN BELOW! LET'S WHIRL DOWN THERE--FAST!
GOTHAM AIRCRAFT

AS THE WHIRLY-BATS DESCEND...



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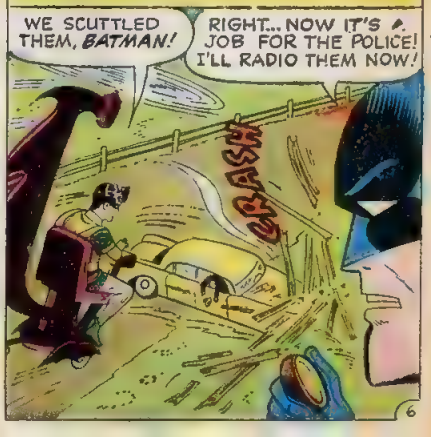

YET, EVEN THIS LATEST EXPLOIT OF **BATMAN** DOESN'T COMPLETELY QUELL THE UNDERWORLD'S ENTHUSIASM...

NO BRAINS! THEY HAD THE RIGHT IDEA, BUT THEY DIDN'T FIGURE ON **BATMAN** UTILIZING THAT WIND TUNNEL!

YEAH--THAT'S JUST IT, BOSS... HE PULLS GIMMICKS EVERY TIME TO BREAK A JOB UP!

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ALL THE BETTER FOR US--'CAUSE THE ODDS ARE AGAINST **BATMAN** THIS TIME! WE'LL WORK THE SAME ANGLE...ONLY WE'LL **MAKE SURE** HE DOESN'T INTERFERE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET **BAT-CAVE**...

GOSH, **BATMAN**--WHY SO WORRIED? AFTER ALL, WE'VE THWARTED EVERY UNDERWORLD ATTEMPT SO FAR!

YES, **ROBIN**, BUT GANGSTERS ARE TAKING GREATER AND GREATER PAINS TO OUTSMART US...

...AND SOONER OR LATER, THEY'LL SUCCEED IN THWARTING US, UNLESS WE TAKE PRECAUTIONS! GRAB SOME TOOLS, **ROBIN** ...WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO!

AND THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AFTER THE **BAT-SIGNAL** WINGS THE DYNAMIC DUO INTO ACTION...

THERE ARE THE CRIMINALS... ESCAPING FROM THE **GOTHAM SCREEN COMPANY**, WITH STOLEN CASH RECEIPTS, **ROBIN**! LET'S WHIRL DOWN THERE...FAST!

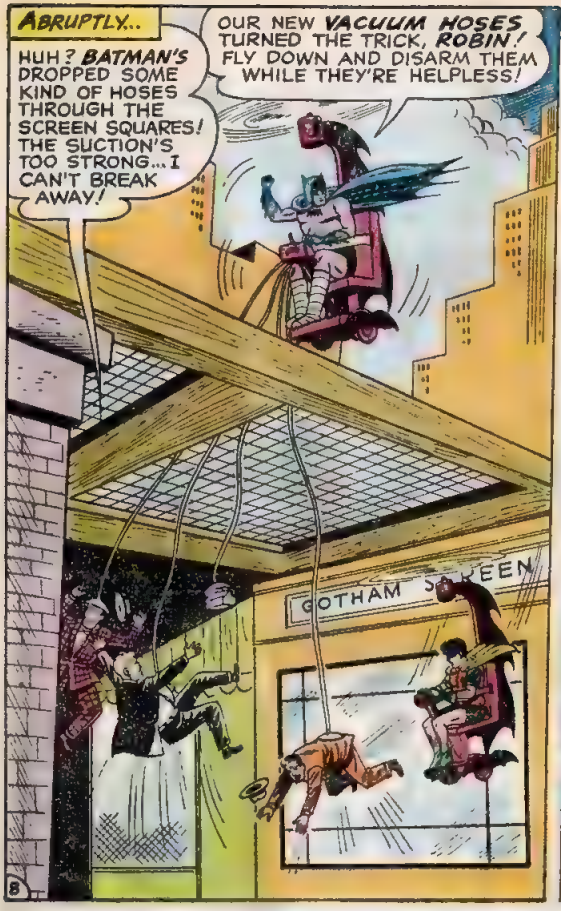
HA, HA...HERE'S WHERE WE BREAK UP THAT AIRBORNE CRIME-FIGHTER'S PLANS, BOYS! LET HER TOPPLE, HARRY!

GOTHAM SCRE

A MOMENT LATER...

BATMAN! THEY'RE UTILIZING THE GIANT SCREEN AS A SHIELD AGAINST OUR **WHIRLY-BATS**! WE CAN'T FLY DOWN THROUGH IT!

THIS CALLS FOR ONE OF OUR SURPRISES, **ROBIN**! STAND BY...


ABRUPTLY..
HUH? BATMAN'S DROPPED SOME KIND OF HOSES THROUGH THE SCREEN SQUARES! THE SUCTION'S TOO STRONG...I CAN'T BREAK AWAY!
OUR NEW VACUUM HOSES TURNED THE TRICK, ROBIN! FLY DOWN AND DISARM THEM WHILE THEY'RE HELPLESS!
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AND SO, WHEN COMMISSIONER GORDON AND HIS MEN ARRIVE...
YOU'RE AMAZING, BATMAN! TO THINK I WAS WORRIED BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T GET AROUND ON YOUR LEGS!
FRANKLY, COMMISSIONER, I WAS A LITTLE CONCERNED MYSELF...

...BUT BY TOMORROW, IT'LL ALL BE OVER--BECAUSE THE DOCTOR TOLD ME HE'LL BE ABLE TO REMOVE THE CASTS THEN!
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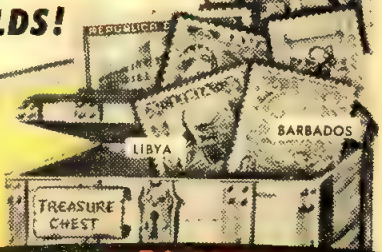

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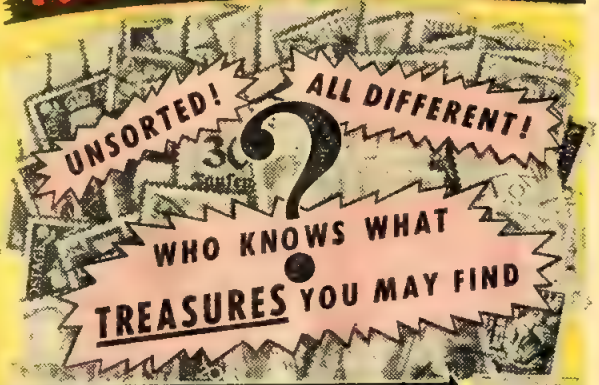

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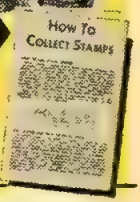

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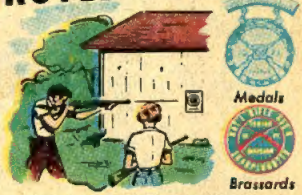

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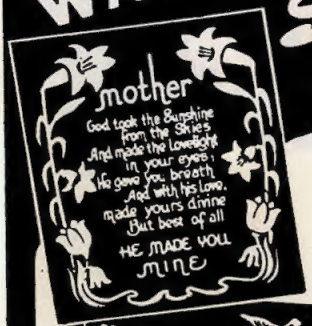

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